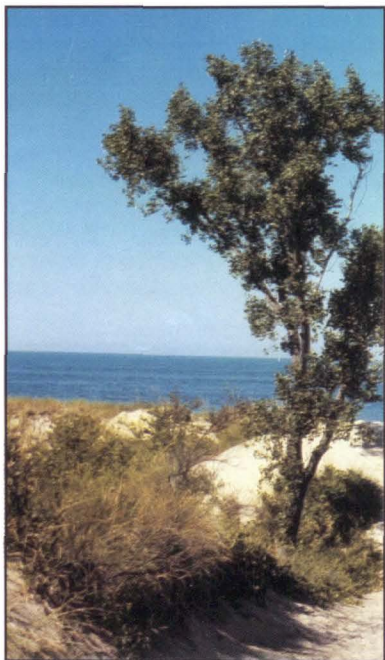
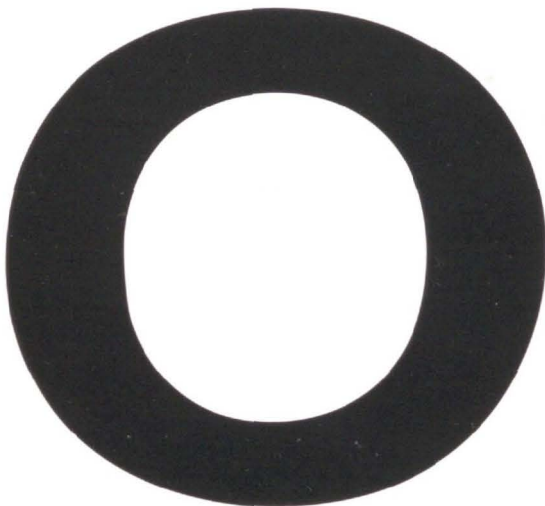


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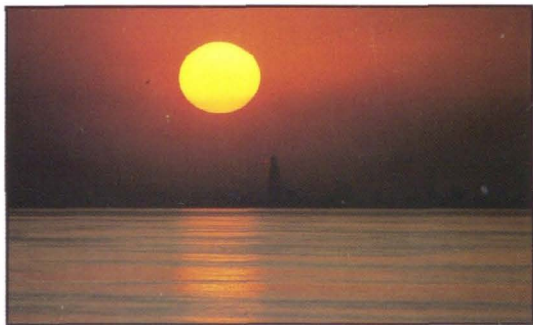
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Portage

...is for OPPORTUNITIES

"Where can one find a world of culture within only an hours drive? Portage, Indiana, on the southern tip of Lake Michigan offers these opportunities. Located within an hours drive from both Chicago and South Bend, Portage offers the advantages of world culture, world renown theaters, first rate museums, and world class sports without the disadvantage of living in the everyday traffic jam of big city life. In addition, Portage offers its own opportunities for transporation, recreational activities, growth, and education.

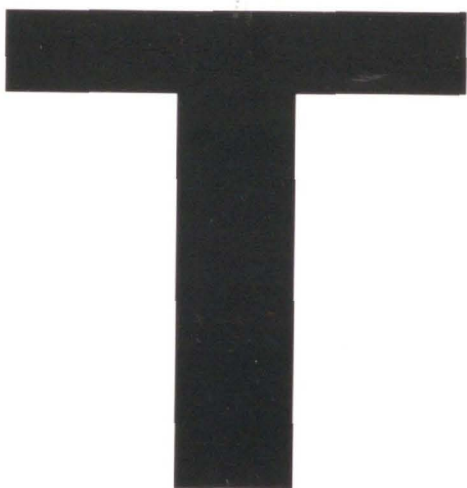


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...is for **RESOURCES**

Natural, industrial, and human resources are abundant throughout the city of Portage. The waters of Lake Michigan and the sand dunes north of the city are just two natural resources found in the area. A wide variety of plant and animal wild life can be found in the woodlands scattered across the town, while acre after acre of fertile farm land stretches south of the city. Portage also offers vast industrial resources. From some of the newest steel mills in the country to several smaller industries, the city has developed a wide industrial base. With the natural and industrial resources have come the most important aspect of all cities, the PEOPLE. They provide a capable work force, but more importantly, they exemplify the idea of Hoosier Hospitality to those visiting the community.

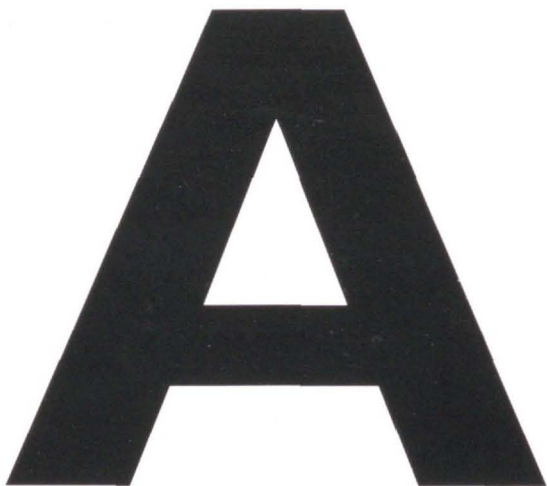




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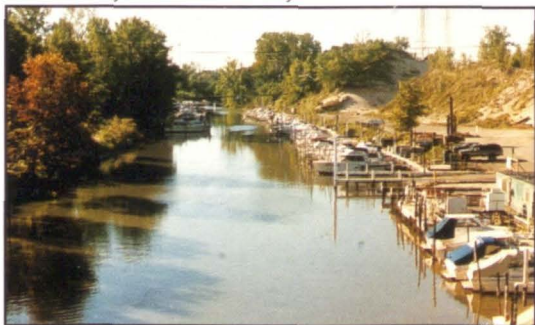
Portage offers a wide variety of transportation options. The city is served by four interstate highways (I-65, I-80-94, I-94), three U.S. highways (U.S. 6, 12, 20), and two state highways (St. Rd. 149 and 249). Also, a major north-south thoroughfare is currently under construction. In addition to the highways, the South Shore Railroad provides commuter rail service to and from Chicago and South Bend. O'Hare International and Midway airports provide air routes throughout the world. A limousine service is available to the airports from several hotels in the city. Portage is also the home of the newest and only deep water port on the Great Lakes. Burns International Harbor and the Port of Indiana, a foreign trade zone, welcome ships from around the world.





...is for ACTIVITIES

Indiana Dunes State Park, 2,128 acres of beauty and fun, offers activities for the whole family such as camping, hiking, and horseback riding, to name just a few. Lake Michigan and its marinas draw thousands of visitors every year to enjoy the summer sun. Within a few minutes of the park, one can take a step back in time at Baily Homestead and Chelsburg Farm, which depict the pioneer way of life. Several parks are located throughout the city allowing for safe areas of play close to home. Other activities include a seventy-two lane bowling alley, a miniature golf course, batting cages, a roller rink, and twenty-eight golf courses within a thirty mile radius! In addition, the Star Plaza, fifteen minutes southwest of Portage, brings the finest in entertainment to the area. Movie theatres and shopping centers are also within easy reach of the city.

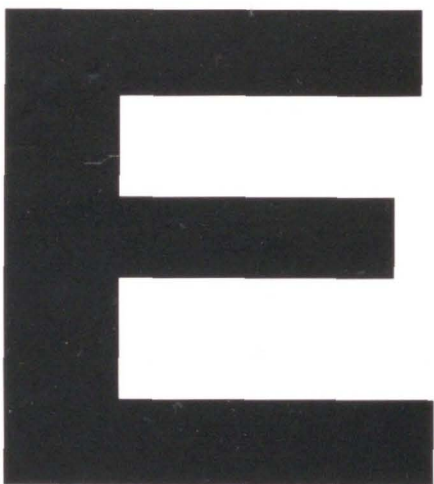


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...is for GROWTH

Portage has experienced constant growth since it was incorporated over thirty years ago in 1959. The city has more than tripled in size from about 8,000 people in 1959 to more than 40,000 people in 1992. This population makes Portage the largest city in Porter County. Along with the growth in population there has been a large increase in the housing market with numerous new homes being built over the last five years. In addition, many new industries and small businesses have made Portage their home. As the trend continues, the future looks bright for additional growth in Portage as the new decade begins and a new century approaches.

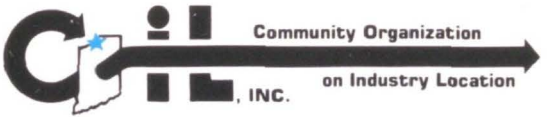




...is for EDUCATION

"We educate today for tomorrow's success." Portage can truly be considered an educational community. The school system takes pride in providing quality educational programs which meet the needs and aspirations of its students. The Portage school system consists of eight elementary schools, two middle schools, and the fourth largest high school in the state of Indiana. The system is highly ranked on an annual basis by the state board of education, and faculty members have received numerous awards for their efforts. For those interested in higher education, Valparaiso University, Indiana University Northwest, and two Purdue University regional campuses are only a fifteen minute drive.





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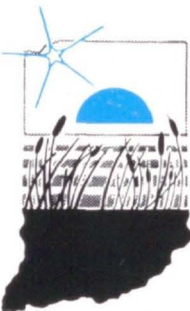
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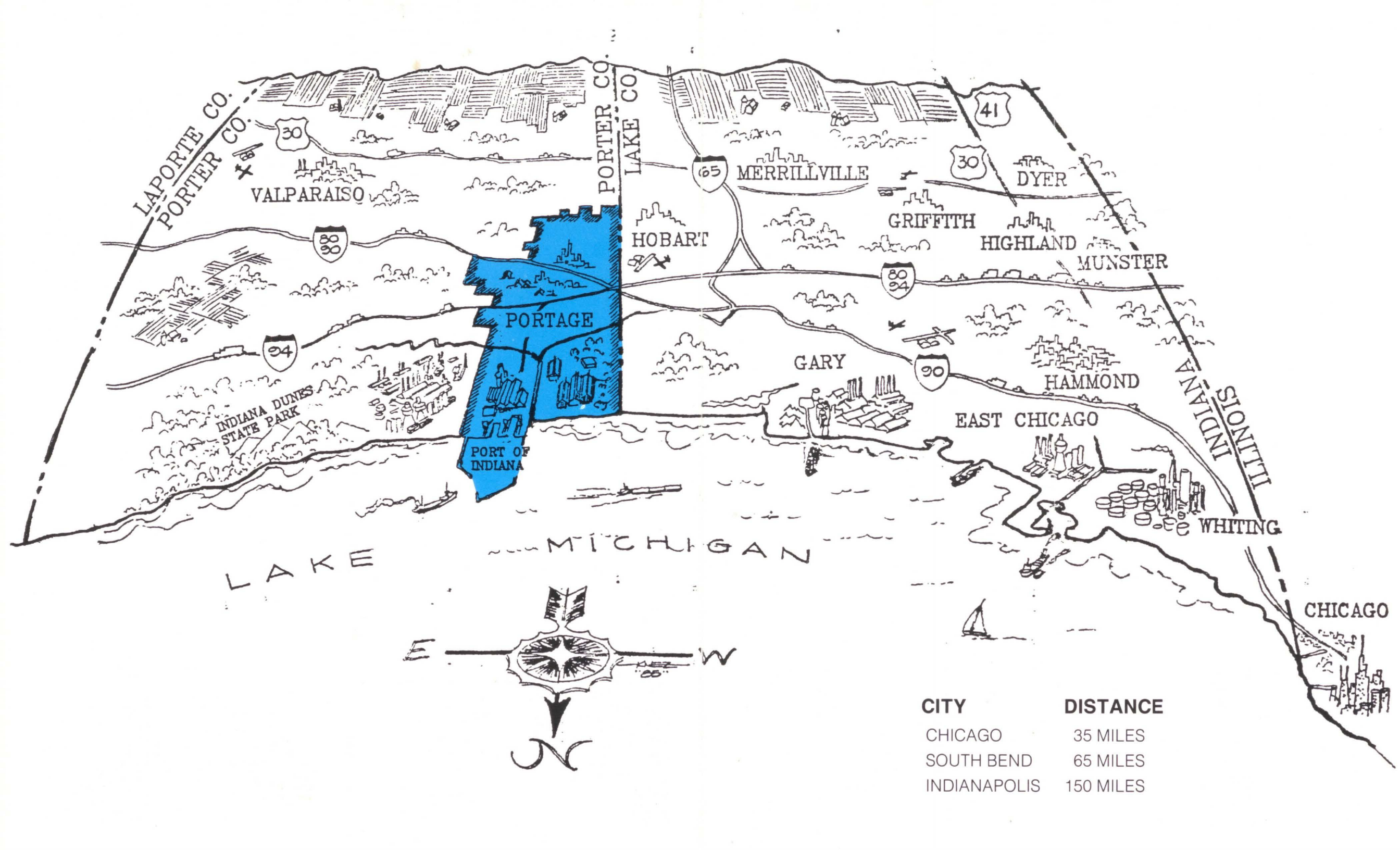
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